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Wednesday, 30 October 2002

Security Council

10 a.m.	Consultations of the whole (closed)	Consultations Room
	Iraq	
	Other matters	
3 p.m.	4638th meeting	Security Council Chamber
	1. Adoption of the agenda	
	2. The situation in Afghanistan	
Afternoon[1]	Consultations of the whole (closed)	Consultations Room
	Afghanistan	
	Other matters	

[1] To be held following the adjournment of the 4638th meeting.

General Assembly

Fifty-seventh session

10 a.m.	38th plenary meeting	General Assembly Hall
	Strengthening of the United Nations system: report of the Secretary-General (A/57/387, A/57/387/Corr.1)	[52]
	Presentation by the Secretary-General of his report entitled "Strengthening of the United Nations: an agenda for further change"	
3 p.m.	39th plenary meeting	General Assembly Hall
	Strengthening of the United Nations system: report of the Secretary-General (A/57/387, A/57/387/Corr.1)	[52]

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Main Committees

First Committee

10 a.m.–1 p.m. 24th meeting — Conference Room 1

General debate, consideration and action on draft resolution(s) submitted under agenda item 59 (Question of Antarctica) (A/57/346, A/C.1/57/3/Corr.1)

Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee)

3–6 p.m. 17th meeting — Conference Room 1

Questions relating to information (A/57/21, A/57/157) [79]

General debate

Second Committee

3–6 p.m. 20th meeting — Conference Room 2

1. Environment and sustainable development [87]

   (b) International Strategy for Disaster Reduction

   Introduction of draft resolutions A/C.2/57/L.16, A/C.2/57/L.21 and A/C.2/57/L.22

   (d) Implementation of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in Those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, particularly in Africa

   Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/57/L.17

   (e) Convention on Biological Diversity

   Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/57/L.18

   (f) Further implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States

   Introduction of draft resolutions A/C.2/57/L.19 and A/C.2/57/L.20

2. Implementation of the first United Nations decade for the Eradication of Poverty (1997-2006) (A/57/137, A/57/211, A/57/422-S/2002/1064, A/57/444) [89]

   Introduction and general discussion

Third Committee

10 a.m.–1 p.m. 30th meeting — Conference Room 4

Human rights questions (A/57/311/Add.1 and A/C.3/57/2) [109]

(a) Implementation of human rights instruments (A/57/3, Parts I and II[1]), A/57/40[1], A/57/44, A/57/56, A/57/173, A/57/268, A/57/291, A/57/308, A/57/399, A/57/400, A/57/445 and A/57/476)

Introductory statement and general discussion

[1] To be issued

Sixth Committee

10 a.m.–1 p.m. 21st meeting . . . . . Trusteeship Council Chamber

Report of the International Law Commission on the work of its fifty-fourth session (A/57/10 and A/57/10/Corr.1) . . . . . [156]

Report of the Special Committee on the Charter of the United Nations and on the Strengthening of the Role of the Organization . . . . . [159]

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.6/57/L.19

Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions

3–6 p.m. Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 10

Administration of justice in the Secretariat

United Nations Administrative Tribunal

10 a.m.–1 p.m. Open meeting . . . . . Conference Room 6

3–6 p.m. Open meeting . . . . . Conference Room 6

Oral hearings

General Assembly

Fifty-seventh session

Informal consultations on agenda items 25 (b) and (c) (Oceans and the law of the sea)

1.15–2.45 p.m. . . . . Economic and Social Council Chamber

Open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolutions on agenda item 25 (b) (Large-scale pelagic drift-net fishing, unauthorized fishing in zones of national jurisdiction and on the high seas/illegal, unreported and unregulated fishing, fisheries by-catch and discards, and other developments) and agenda item 25 (c) (Agreement for the Implementation of the Provisions of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea of 10 December 1982 relating to the Conservation and Management of Straddling Fish Stocks and Highly Migratory Fish Stocks)

Open-ended consultation on the draft resolution on "2001-2010: Decade to Roll Back Malaria in Developing Countries, particularly in Africa"

1.15–2.45 p.m. . . . . Conference Room 1

Second Committee

Meeting of interested delegations on draft proposal A/C.2/57/L.2 (item 84 (f))

10.30 a.m.–1 p.m. Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room B

Meeting of interested delegations on draft proposal A/C.2/57/L.7 (item 84 (c))

3–6 p.m. Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 9

Third Committee

Open-ended informal consultations on draft resolution A/C.3/57/L.29 (Indigenous people and issues) (organized by the delegation of Suriname)

9–10 a.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room A

Other meetings

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Wednesday, 30 October 2002

JUSCANZ Group *(Second Committee)*

9–10 a.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 7

2002 United Nations Programme of Fellowships on Disarmament

9 a.m.–5.30 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room D

Group of 77 *(Second Committee: agenda items 88 and 89)*

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 2

Non-Aligned Movement: Working Group on Human Rights

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room E

UNITAR workshop on international trade negotiations

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 8

3–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 8

Workshop jointly organized by the United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) and the World Trade Organization (WTO) on international trade negotiations, as part of the International Trade Series [For further information, please contact Ms. Nicole Valenta at UNITAR (room DC1-603; tel. 1 (212) 963-9684 or 963-9196).]

Non-Aligned Movement: Working Group on Disarmament

10.30 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Economic and Social Council Chamber

Arab Group of the Whole *(at the ambassadorial level)*

11 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 7

Informal consultations on effective implementation of international instruments on human rights, including reporting obligations under international instruments on human rights (agenda item 109 (a))

12 noon–1 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 3

African Group *(on Third Committee matters)*

1.15–2.45 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room C

Caribbean Community (CARICOM)

1.15–2.45 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 8

Meeting of the co-sponsors of the draft resolution on torture and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment (agenda item 109 (a)), organized by the delegation of Iceland

1.15 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 4

Open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolution on torture and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment (agenda item 109 (a)), organized by the delegation of Iceland

2–2.45 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 4

UNDP Human Development Report 2002 – Deepening Democracy in a Fragmented World

1.15–2.45 p.m. Conference Room 7

Presentation and discussion of the *Human Development Report 2002 – Deepening Democracy in a Fragmented World* [Mrs. Sakiko Fukuda-Parr, Director, Human Development Report Office, UNDP, will present the report with Mr. Michael Doyle, Special Adviser to the Secretary-General, Assistant Secretary-General. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Nena Terrell, UNDP (tel. 1 (212) 906-3629).]

Arab Group *(at the expert level) (on Sixth Committee matters)*

3–6 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room E

Group of 77 *(Second Committee: agenda items 87 (a), 93 and 87)*

3–6 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 4

Group of 77 *(on Fifth Committee matters)*

3–6 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 3

Open-ended informal consultations, organized by the delegation of Uruguay, on the Third Committee draft resolution on the rights of the child (agenda item 105)

3–6 p.m. Closed meeting Trusteeship Council Chamber

Organization of the Islamic Conference: Expert Group on Sixth Committee Matters

4.30–6 p.m. Closed meeting Economic and Social Council Chamber

Press conferences

The schedule below is tentative; up-to-date information can be obtained at www.un.org/News/ossg/conf.htm

Wednesday, 30 October 2002

Room S-226

12 noon Press briefing by the Spokesman

Forthcoming official meetings

Thursday, 31 October 2002

General Assembly

Fifty-seventh session

10 a.m. 40th plenary meeting General Assembly Hall

3 p.m. 41st plenary meeting General Assembly Hall

Strengthening of the United Nations system: report of the Secretary-General (A/57/387, A/57/387/Corr.1) [52]

Main Committees

First Committee

10 a.m. 25th meeting Conference Room 1

Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee)

3 p.m. 18th meeting Conference Room 1

Second Committee

10 a.m.	21st meeting	Conference Room 2
3 p.m.	22nd meeting	Conference Room 2
Afternoon[1]	Informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

Third Committee

3 p.m.	31st meeting	Conference Room 3

Sixth Committee

10 a.m.	22nd meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber
3 p.m.	23rd meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber

[1] Following the adjournment of the 22nd meeting of the Second Committee.

General Assembly

Fifty-seventh session

Informal consultations on agenda items 25 (b) and (c) (Oceans and the law of the sea)

Open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolutions on agenda item 25 (b) (Large-scale pelagic drift-net fishing, unauthorized fishing in zones of national jurisdiction and on the high seas/illegal, unreported and unregulated fishing, fisheries by-catch and discards, and other developments) and agenda item 25 (c) (Agreement for the Implementation of the Provisions of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea of 10 December 1982 relating to the Conservation and Management of Straddling Fish Stocks and Highly Migratory Fish Stocks) will be held on Thursday, 31 October, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 7.

Informal consultations on agenda item 25 (a) (Oceans and the law of the sea)

Open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolution on agenda item 25 (a) (Oceans and the law of the sea), will be held on Friday, 1 November 2002, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 7.

Second Committee

Panel discussion

There will be a panel discussion on the theme "Managing Globalization", organized by the Division for ECOSOC Support and Coordination, Department of Economic and Social Affairs, on Friday, 1 November 2002, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 2.

The panel will be chaired by H.E. Mr. Marco Antonio Suazo (Honduras), Chairman of the Second Committee. Mr. Mark Malloch Brown, Administrator, United Nations Development Programme, will moderate the discussion. Presentations will be made by Mr. Roberto Bissio, Coordinator of Social Watch; Ms. Eveline Herfkens, Secretary-General's Executive Coordinator for the Millennium Development Goals Campaign; Ms. Ann Pettifor, Director, Centre for International Finance and Governance, New

Economic Foundation; and Mr. Adrian Wooldridge, *The Economist*, co-author of "A Future Perfect: the Challenge and Hidden Promise of Globalization"

Members of permanent missions, United Nations staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

Third Committee

The Third Committee will hear introductory statements by the Special Rapporteurs and Special Representatives presenting reports to the Committee under agenda item 109 (Human rights questions), beginning on Monday, 4 November 2002, as follows:

On Monday, 4 November, at 3 p.m.: Ms. Hina Jilani (Special Representative of the Secretary-General on Human Rights Defenders); Mr. Kamal Hossain (Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Afghanistan); and Ms. Gabriela Rodriguez Pizarro (Special Rapporteur on the human rights of migrants).

On Tuesday, 5 November, at 10 a.m.: Mr. Abdelfattah Amor (Special Rapporteur on freedom of religion or belief); Ms. Asma Jahangir (Special Rapporteur on extrajudicial, summary and arbitrary executions); and Mr. Theo van Boven (Special Rapporteur on torture and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment). At 3 p.m.: Mr. Andreas Mavrommatis (Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Iraq); Mr. John Dugard (Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the Palestinian territories occupied since 1967); and Mr. Peter Leuprecht (Special Representative of the Secretary-General for human rights in Cambodia).

On Wednesday, 6 November, at 10 a.m.: Mr. Paulo Sérgio Pinheiro (Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Myanmar); Mr. Gerhart R. Baum (Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the Sudan); and Ms. Marie-Thérèse Aïssata Kéita-Bocoum (Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Burundi).

On Monday, 11 November, at 10 a.m.: Mr. Jean Ziegler (Special Rapporteur on the right to food).

Following the introduction of each of these reports, the floor will be open to members of the Committee for dialogue, questions and comments. All interested members of the Committee are invited to participate.

Committee on Relations with the Host Country

The 214th meeting of the Committee on Relations with the Host Country will be convened on Friday, 1 November 2002, at 3 p.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber. The meeting will be open to observers. Delegations are reminded that while any matter pertinent to the work of the Committee could be raised from the floor, they are encouraged, in accordance with the decision of the Committee adopted at its 164th meeting in March 1994, to request the formal inscription, at least 48 hours prior to the meeting, of specific items they would like to raise, keeping in mind the detailed list of topics adopted by the Committee in 1982 (see document A/50/26, paragraph 5). Delegations are further encouraged to submit to the Chairman of the Committee or to the Secretary of the Committee (room S-3420B; fax 1 (212) 963-6430) any relevant documentation or written statements in advance of the meeting.

2002 United Nations Pledging Conference for Development Activities and 2002 United Nations/Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations Pledging Conference for the World Food Programme

The 2002 United Nations Pledging Conference for Development Activities will be held on Tuesday, 5 November 2002, in the morning, and the 2002 United Nations/Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations Pledging Conference for the World Food Programme will be held on Wednesday, 6 November 2002, also in the morning. Both Pledging Conferences will be held in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

It would be appreciated if delegations could submit the names of their representatives to both pledging conferences, in writing, to Ms. Lydia Bawar (tel. 1 (212) 963-5973; fax 1 (212) 963-5935).

The list of speakers for both Pledging Conferences will be open until Monday, 4 November. Delegations wishing to be inscribed for one or both pledging conferences are requested to contact the Ms. Lydia Bawar (tel. 1 (212) 963-5973; fax 1 (212) 963-5935).

Security Council

Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1373 (2001) concerning counter-terrorism

The Chairman of the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1373 (2001) concerning counter-terrorism will give an oral briefing to interested Member States of the United Nations on Thursday, 31 October 2002, at 4 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

Other forthcoming meetings

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Group of 77 *(Second Committee: agenda items 88, 89, 92 and 84 (c))*

There will be a meeting of the Group of 77 *(Second Committee: agenda items 88, 89, 92 and 84 (c))* on Thursday, 31 October 2002, from 9 to 10 a.m. in Conference Room 3.

Group of 77 *(Second Committee: agenda items 94, 95 and 96)*

There will be a meeting of the Group of 77 *(Second Committee: agenda items 94, 95 and 96)* on Friday, 1 November 2002, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. (conference room to be announced).

Informal consultations on effective implementation of international instruments on human rights, including reporting obligations under international instruments on human rights (agenda item 109 (a))

There will be informal consultations on effective implementation of international instruments on human rights, including reporting obligations under international instruments on human rights (agenda item 109 (a)) (open meeting) on Thursday, 31 October 2002, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room C.

UNITAR French-language workshop on the structure, drafting and adoption of United Nations resolutions

The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) is organizing a French-language workshop on the structure, drafting and adoption of United Nations resolutions for members of permanent missions in New York. The workshop will be held on Monday, 4 November 2002, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m., on Tuesday, 5 November, from 3 to 6 p.m., and on Wednesday, 6 November, from 3 to 6 p.m. A letter on this subject, including an information note and a nomination form, was addressed to all the permanent missions. The registration deadline is *today*, 30 October. For further information, please contact Ms. Maud Graham (room DC1-603, tel. 1 (212) 963-9196).

Informal consultations on the draft resolution on strengthening international urban search and rescue assistance under agenda item 21 (a) (organized by the delegation of Turkey)

There will be informal consultations on the draft resolution, organized by the delegation of Turkey, on strengthening international urban search and rescue assistance, to be introduced under agenda item 21 (a), on Monday, 4 November 2002, from 3 to 5 p.m. in Conference Room A. All interested delegations are invited to attend.

UNITAR Seminar on deposit of treaty actions with the Secretary-General and registration of treaties

The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) and the Treaty Section of the United Nations Office of Legal Affairs (OLA) are jointly organizing a seminar on deposit of treaty actions with the Secretary-General and registration of treaties. The seminar, to be conducted in English, will be held at United Nations Headquarters in New York on Tuesday and Wednesday, 12 and 13 November 2002, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 9. A letter on this subject, including a detailed information note, the tentative programme and a nomination form, was addressed to all permanent missions in New York.

The invitation to attend the seminar is extended not only to members of permanent missions, but also to members of the relevant ministries from capitals. The registration deadline is Tuesday, 5 November 2002. For further information, please contact Ms. Nicole Valenta at UNITAR (room DC1-603; tel. 1 (212) 963 9684 or 963-9196).

UNITAR workshop series on Policy Awareness and Training in Information Technology

As part of the series on Policy Awareness and Training in Information Technology, the third and final high-level seminar of this year on "Policy Awareness and Security Issues on Information Technology", organized by the United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR), will be held on Friday, 15 November 2002, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. This interactive seminar is primarily aimed at ambassadors and other diplomats. However, all interested staff members as well as NGO representatives are welcome to attend. This seminar is part of the UNITAR series, launched under the auspices of the ICT Task Force and the Working Group on Informatics, and implemented with the active participation and sponsorship of Intel Corporation. For further information please contact Ms. Maud Graham (room DC1-603; tel. 1 (212) 963-9196).

Announcements

Report on the implementation of resolution 56/227 on the Third United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries

Delegations can obtain preliminary copies of the report on the implementation of resolution 56/277 on the Third United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries at the Office of the High Representative for the Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries and Small Island Developing States (room UH-906 (Uganda House); tel. 1 (212) 963-4839); fax 1 (917) 367-3415; e-mail josepha@un.org).

Security Council

Daily informal briefings

As from Wednesday, 2 October 2002, and for the rest of the month, the President of the Security Council will conduct informal briefings daily on the current work of the Council for Member States of the United Nations which are non-members of the Council, except on days on which no informal consultations are scheduled The briefings will take place immediately following the adjournment of the informal consultations in the Press Briefing Room (S-226).

Recorded information

Recorded information about previously unscheduled meetings and consultations of the whole of the Security Council may be obtained by calling 1 (212) 963-8530.

Credentials of representatives to the fifty-seventh session

Delegations are reminded that credentials should be issued for all representatives to the fifty-seventh session of the General Assembly, in accordance with rule 27 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly.

Credentials should be sent to the secretariat of the Credentials Committee (tel. 1 (212) 963-5358; room S-3420A.)

Summary of meetings

Tuesday, 29 October 2002

Security Council

4635th meeting (resumed)

Women and peace and security

Report of the Secretary-General on Women, peace and security (S/2002/1154)

Upon the resumption of the meeting, the Council heard a statement by the representative of Japan.

The President, with the consent of the Council, invited the representative of India, at his request, to participate in the discussion of the item without the right to vote, in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Charter and rule 37 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure.

The Council heard statements by the representatives of Bangladesh, Egypt, the Philippines, Australia, Chile, Pakistan, Canada, the Republic of Korea, Namibia, Morocco, New Zealand, Austria (speaking in the capacity as Chair of the Human Security Network, an interregional group of countries comprising Canada, Chile, Greece, Ireland, Jordan, Mali, the Netherlands, Norway, Slovenia, Switzerland and Thailand).

The Council then heard statements by the representatives of South Africa, Venezuela, Jamaica, Indonesia and India.

4636th meeting (closed)

Briefing by Judge Gilbert Guillaume, President of the International Court of Justice

The Security Council met in private. At the close of the meeting, the following communiqué was issued by the Secretary-General in accordance with rule 55 of the provisional rules of procedure of the Council:

"At its 4636th meeting, held in private on 29 October 2002, the Security Council considered the item entitled 'Briefing by Judge Gilbert Guillaume, President of the International Court of Justice.'

"In accordance with the understanding reached in the Council's prior consultations, and in the absence of objection, the President extended an invitation under rule 39 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure to Judge Gilbert Guillaume, President of the International Court of Justice.

"The members of the Council heard an informative briefing by Judge Guillaume."

4637th meeting (closed)

International Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of the Former Yugoslavia since 1991

International Criminal Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Genocide and Other Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of Rwanda and Rwandan Citizens Responsible for Genocide and Other Such Violations Committed in the Territory of Neighbouring States between 1 January and 31 December 1994

The Security Council met in private. At the close of the meeting, the following communiqué was issued by the Secretary-General in accordance with rule 55 of the provisional rules of procedure of the Council:

"At its 4637th meeting, held in private on 29 October 2002, the Security Council considered the item entitled "International Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of the Former Yugoslavia since 1991; International Criminal Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Genocide and Other Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of Rwanda and Rwandan Citizens Responsible for Genocide and Other Such Violations Committed in the Territory of Neighbouring States between 1 January and 31 December 1994".

"The President, with the consent of the Council, invited the representatives of Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Rwanda and Yugoslavia to participate in the discussion of the item without the right to vote in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Charter and rule 37 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure.

"In accordance with the understanding reached in the Council's prior consultations, and in the absence of objection, the President extended invitations under rule 39 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure to Judge Claude Jorda, President of the International Tribunal for Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of the Former Yugoslavia since 1991, Judge Navanethem Pillay, President of the International Criminal Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Genocide and Other Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of Rwanda and Rwandan Citizens Responsible for Genocide and Other Such Violations Committed in the Territory of Neighbouring States between 1 January 1994 and 31 December 1994 and Ms. Carla Del Ponte, Prosecutor of the International Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of the Former Yugoslavia since 1991 and of the International Criminal Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Genocide and Other Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of Rwanda and Rwandan Citizens Responsible for Genocide and Other Such Violations Committed in the Territory of Neighbouring States between 1 January 1994 and 31 December 1994.

"The members of the Council heard informative briefings by Judge Jorda, Judge Pillay and Prosecutor Del Ponte.

"The members of the Council, the representatives invited under rule 37 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure, Judge Jorda, Judge Pillay and Prosecutor Del Ponte had a constructive discussion."

General Assembly

Fifty-seventh session

37th plenary meeting

Report of the International Court of Justice [13]

(a) Report of the International Court of Justice (A/57/4)

(b) Report of the Secretary-General (A/57/373)

The General Assembly took note of the report of the International Court of Justice (A/57/4).

The President of the International Court of Justice made a statement.

Statements were made by the representatives of Costa Rica, Peru, Cameroon, Malaysia, the Russian Federation, Japan, Mexico, Singapore, Mongolia, Guatemala and the Republic of Korea.

The General Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 13.

Main Committees

First Committee

23rd meeting

The Committee continued its third stage of work, namely, action on all draft resolutions submitted under all disarmament and international security agenda items (items 57, 58 and 60-73).

Draft resolution A/C.1/57/L.26/Rev.3

The Chairman of the First Committee made a statement.

Statements were made by the representatives of Cuba, the Islamic Republic of Iran, India, Israel, Denmark (who also spoke on behalf of the European Union and the countries of Central and Eastern Europe associated with the European Union (Bulgaria, Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Romania, Slovakia and Slovenia) and the associated countries, Cyprus, Malta and Turkey, as well as the EFTA countries of the European Economic Area, Iceland and Norway, who aligned themselves with this statement), Canada, South Africa, Bangladesh, Ghana and Kuwait.

The Chairman of the First Committee made a statement.

Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee)

16th meeting

Questions relating to information [79]

The Chairman drew attention to the report of the Secretary-General contained in document A/57/157.

The Under-Secretary-General for Communications and Public Information made a statement.

The representative of Egypt, Rapporteur of the Committee on Information, introduced the report of the Committee (A/57/21).

The Committee began its general debate with statements from the representatives of Costa Rica (on behalf of the Rio Group), Venezuela (on behalf of Group of 77 and China), Egypt, Yemen, Belarus, Japan, Cuba, Algeria, Israel, Brazil (on behalf of the Community of Portuguese-speaking Countries), the Republic of Korea, Thailand (on behalf of ASEAN), the United Republic of Tanzania and Nigeria.

On the proposal of its Chairman, the Committee decided to close the list of speakers in the general debate at 6 p.m. on the same day. It is announced that Committee intended to take action on the draft resolutions and decision contained in the report of the Committee on Information (A/57/21) at its following meeting (if time permits).

Third Committee

29th meeting

Elimination of racism and racial discrimination [107]

(a) Elimination of racism and racial discrimination

(b) Comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action

Right of peoples to self-determination [108]

The Committee continued its general discussion of the items and heard statements by the representatives of Japan, Jamaica, Bangladesh, Israel, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Nepal, Australia, Liechtenstein and the Syrian Arab Republic.

The observer for Palestine also made a statement.

The Committee thus concluded its general discussion of agenda items 107 and 108.

Right of reply

Statements in the exercise of the rights of reply were made by the representatives of Pakistan, Egypt, Azerbaijan, Israel and Armenia.

Organization of work

The Committee agreed to cancel its meeting scheduled for Wednesday, 30 October, in the afternoon.

Fifth Committee

18th meeting

Programme budget for the biennium 2002-2003 [112]

Capital master plan (A/57/285 and A/57/7/Add.4)

The Committee continued its general discussion of this question and heard statements by the representatives of the Russian Federation, Indonesia, Switzerland and the Republic of Korea.

The Assistant Secretary-General for Central Support Services replied to questions raised and made a concluding statement.

The Committee thus concluded its general discussion of this question.

The Chairman informed the Committee that informal consultations on this question would begin on Friday, 1 November 2002, in the afternoon, under the chairmanship of Mr. Michel Tilemans (Belgium), Vice-Chairman of the Committee.

Human resources management [118]

Human resources management (A/57/293, A/57/276 and A/57/469)

Composition of the Secretariat (A/57/414 and A/C.5/56/L.7)

Amendments to Staff Rules (A/57/126)

Use of consultants (A/57/310 and A/57/469)

Employment of retirees (A/57/413 and A/57/469)

Report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services (A/56/956 and A/56/956/Add.1)

The Committee continued its general discussion of this item and heard statements by the representatives of China, Malaysia, Azerbaijan, Bangladesh, Kuwait, the Republic of Korea, Indonesia, Croatia, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya and the United States.

In accordance with General Assembly resolution 35/213, the President of the United Nations Staff Union made a statement.

Organization of work

The Chairman made a statement.

International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights

Human Rights Committee
Seventy-sixth session
United Nations Office at Geneva

Monday, 28 October 2002

2061st–2062nd meetings

Consideration of communications under the Optional Protocol to the Covenant [10]

The Committee considered the item in closed session.

Tuesday, 29 October 2002

2063rd meeting — The Committee considered the draft general comment on article 2.

2064th meeting — The Committee adopted the concluding observations on Togo in closed session.

Signatures, Ratifications, etc.

[Multilateral Treaties Deposited with the Secretary-General]

Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty. New York, 10 September 1996

Ratification: Botswana (28 October 2002)[1]

Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants. Stockholm, 22 May 2001

Accession: Botswana (28 October 2002)[1]

Amendment to the Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer. Beijing, 3 December 1999

Ratification: Germany (28 October 2002)[1]

Amendment to article 20, paragraph 1 of the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women. New York, 22 December 1995

Acceptance: Mauritius (29 October 2002)[1]

United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime. New York, 15 November 2000

Ratification: France (29 October 2002)[1]

Protocol to Prevent, Suppress and Punish Trafficking in Persons, Especially Women and Children, supplementing the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime. New York, 15 November 2000

Ratification: France (29 October 2002)[1]

Protocol against the Smuggling of Migrants by Land, Sea and Air, supplementing the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime. New York, 15 November 2000

Ratification: France (29 October 2002)[1]

[1] Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

Other announcements

DPI/NGO Briefing

This week, the topic for the DPI/NGO Briefing will be "Demographic Trends: From Global to Local – New York City and the World." The briefing will be held on Thursday, 31 October 2002, from 10.30 to 11.30 a.m. in the Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium. A thematically relevant video will be screened at 10 a.m. The briefing will feature Mr. Joseph Chamie, Director, Population Division, Department of Economic and Social Affairs, and Mr. Joseph Salvo, Director, Population Division, Department of City Planning, The City of New York. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff and the media are also invited to attend. This briefing is organized by the Department of Public Information, in cooperation with the Department of Economic and Social Affairs and the New York City Commission for the United Nations, Consular Corps and Protocol. For further information, please contact Mr. Oleg Dzioubinski, NGO Section, Department of Public Information (tel. 1(212) 963-1859).

Launch of the Independent Experts' Assessment on the Impact of Armed Conflict on Women and Women's Role in Peace-building

The launch of the Independent Experts' Assessment on the Impact of Armed Conflict on Women and Women's Role in Peace-building will take place on Thursday, 31 October 2002, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 4. There will be a panel discussion with the participation of Ms. Noeleen Heyzer, Executive Director of UNIFEM; Mr. Jayantha Dhanapala, Under-Secretary-General for Disarmament Affairs; Ms. Julia Taft, Assistant Administrator and Director, Bureau for Crisis Prevention and Recovery, UNDP (invited); Ms. Pam DeLargy, Humanitarian Coordinator, UNFPA; Ms. Elisabeth Rehn and Ms. Ellen Johnson Sirleaf, Independent Experts.

Halloween Party: "Be a Hero: Trick or Treat for UNICEF"

A Halloween party for children of United Nations delegates and staff will be held on Thursday, 31 October 2002, at 5 p.m. on the Visitors' Plaza, to highlight the "Trick or Treat for UNICEF" fundraising campaign. Following the party, at 6.15 p.m., a premiere screening of the DVD version of *Spider-Man* will be held in Conference Room 4. The event is co-sponsored by UNICEF, the United States Fund for UNICEF, the Department of Public Information and Columbia TriStar Home Entertainment/Sony Pictures. Due to space limitation, reservations will be taken on a first-come-first-served basis at 1 (212) 963-0089.

Women's International Forum

There will be a meeting of the Women's International Forum on Monday, 4 November 2002, from 11 a.m. to 12 noon in the Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium. A presentation will be made Ms. Thoraya Obaid, Executive Director, United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA), on "The Arab Region – Potential and Possibilities".

Lecture Series of the Secretary-General

The Secretary-General is hosting a lecture series at the United Nations for delegates, Secretariat staff and members of civil society affiliated with the United Nations. The series is focused on topics at the forefront of both the humanities and natural sciences. The second lecture in the series will take place on Wednesday, 6 November 2002, from 1.30 to 2.45 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. Professor Daphne Preuss, University of Chicago, and Professor Jennifer Thomson, University of Cape Town, will make brief presentations on "Genetically Modified Crops for Developing Countries: Technological Frontiers and Policy Debates", followed by a question-and-answer session.

Chairmen of regional groups

The following information regarding the chairmanship of the regional groups for the month of October 2002 has been communicated to the Secretariat:

African States:
Egypt
H.E. Mr. Ahmed Aboul Gheit

Asian States:
Iraq
H.E. Mr. Mohammed A. Aldouri

Eastern European States:
Yugoslavia
H.E. Mr. Dejan Šahović

Latin American and Caribbean States:
Trinidad and Tobago
H.E. Mr. Philip Sealy

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United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland
H.E. Mr. Jeremy Greenstock

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Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1373 (2001) concerning counter-terrorism:
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